

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Claims 1-9 are allowed. Claims 10-13 and 15-30 are currently pending and stand rejected.

Applicants thank the examiner for the allowable claims 1-9 and herein cancel claims 10-13 and 15-30, without prejudice, in order to place the application in a condition for allowance.

103 Rejections

Claims 10 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Williams (US Pat. 5,692,157) in view of Garrison (US Pat. App. 2001/0011349). Claims 11-13, 15-17 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Williams in view of Garrison and further in view of Keyser (US Pat. 5,025,373). Claims 21-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Williams in view of Garrison and further in view of Hamala (US Pat. 5,345,586). Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Williams in view of Garrison and Keyser and further in view of Schaefer (US Pat. 5,826,268). Claims 25-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Williams in view of Garrison and further in view of Spencer (US Pat. 6,356,909). Claims 27-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Lipner (US Pat. 5,553,304 in view of Williams and further in view of Garrison).

In order to place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicants hereby cancel claims 10-13 and 15-30, without prejudice. As such the above rejections are moot and may be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-9 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

This response is being filed with a fee for a one month extension of time. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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